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LETTERS OF INTENT FOR SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FUNDS DUE OCTOBER 15, 2009

(Columbus - September 22, 2009) The Specialized Transportation Program, also called Section 5310, provides federal funds for mobility management projects and for the purchase of vehicles and equipment to support transportation services for the elderly and people with disabilities in central Ohio. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) with assistance from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

Funds are available each state fiscal year and are distributed through a statewide competitive application process. Letters of Intent (LOIs) are submitted directly to ODOT to apply for Specialized Transportation Program funds. This step allows ODOT to determine a potential applicant's eligibility for the program. Only those eligible agencies that submit an LOI receive applications from ODOT. To determine applicant eligibility, the letter of intent must be received by ODOT no later than October 15, 2009.

For more information visit the following website or contact **Mary Ann Frantz** at mafrantz@morpc.org or call 614-233-4156. Send LOI to **Marianne E. Freed**, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223 or email pat.pikula@dot.state.oh.us.

Office of Transit, Specialized Transportation Program Website

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/TransSysDev/Transit/Pages/Specialized.aspx>

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